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SUBJECT: SOVIET PRESS REPORTS BRZEZINSKI REMARKS ON SOUTHEAST ASIA

1. UNDER THE HEADING OF "GROUNDLESS STATEMENT", JANUARY 11 EDITION OF PRAVDA CARRIES A TASS REPORT OF JANUARY 10 DATE-LINED WASHINGTON TO THE EFFECT THAT NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISOR BRZEZINSKI STATED THAT THE VIETNAM-CAMOBIDIAN CONFLICE SERVES THE INTERESTS OF THE U.S. SINCE IT REPRESENTS THE FIRST INSTANCE OF AN INDIRECT CLASH BETWEEN THE USSR AND CHINA. TASS THEN DESCRIBES THE "PERPLEXITY AND CONDEMNATION" WHICH HAVE GREETED THIS STATEMENT. BRZEZINSKI IS SAID TO HAVE SHOWN HIS INTEREST IN A DEEPENING CONFLICT IN SOUTHEAST ASIA BUT NOT TO HAVE BEEN BACKED UP BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, WHOSE PRESS BRIEFER REPORTEDLY (NYT IS CITED) REFUSED TO SUPPORT BRZEZINSKI'S STATEMENTS. FINALLY, TASS REPLAYS PRESS CRITICISM OF BRZEZINSKI'S REMARKS.

2. V. KALASHNIKOV IN A "REPLIKA" COLUMN IN IZVESTIYA OF JANUARY 11 GETS THE STORY STRAIGHT (QUOTING BRZEZINSKI DIRECTLY THAT "I FIND THIS VERY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INTERESTING") BUT CONCLUDES BY NOTING THAT BRZEZINSKI SPEAKS FOR U.S. CIRCLES WHICH CONSIDER "THAT U.S. 'INTERESTS' WOULD BE SERVED BY A CONFLICT IN INDOCHING." KALASHNIKOV CONDEMNS THE "ABSURDITY" OF THE NOTION THAT FIGHTING BY PROXY IS TAKING PLACE IN INDOCHINA, ATTRIBUTINT IT TO NOSTALGIA FOR THE DAYS OF U.S. INVOLVEMENT

THERE.

3. EMBASSY WILL RAISE DISTORTION (PARA ONE) WITH TASS LEADER-
SHIP AT EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY, POINTING OUT THAT BRZEZINSKI
IN NO WAY IMPLIED THAT FIGHTING SERVES U.S. INTERESTS.
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